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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN ASKED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENSUS, JACK BERMEO, A GOOD FRIEND OF THE US AND A FORMER MINISTER OF THE TREASURY, FOR HELP OF A HUMANITARIAN NATURE FOR THE INFANT DAUGHTER OF ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES, SANTIAGO MORENO.

2. THE DAUGHTER, FOUR MONTHS OLD, WAS BORN WITH A BIRTH DEFECT (DOUBLE-HARELIP, WITHOUT PALATE) FOR WHICH THE NECESSARY REMEDIAL SURGICAL TREATMENT IS UNAVAILABLE IN ECUADOR. THE FATHER OF THE LITTLE FIRM HAS BEEN TOLD BY DOCTORS THAT A SIMILAR CASE WAS TREATED BY DR. RICHARD WALDEN AT NORTH SHORE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE MARCH OF DIMES (366 JERICHO TURNPIKE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK, 516-248-4950/60).

3. THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM BEING WHAT IT IS, PROBABLY ANY LARGE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COULD PERFORM THE NECESSARY SURGERY. THE FAMILY OF THE CHILD IS FROM THE WORKING CLASS SOCIO-ECONOMIC LEVEL, AND THUS IS COMPLETELY WITHOUT RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO PAY FOR TREATMENT. BERMEO'S REQUEST IS WHETHER THERE IS ANY US CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION (SUCH AS THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE MARCH OF DIMES) THAT MIGHT BE WILLING, AS A GESTURE OF INTERNATIONAL GOOD-WILL, TO SPONSOR THE CHILD'S TRAVEL TO THE US AND TREATMENT IN A US MEDICAL FACILITY? EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING TO SUGGEST TO BERMEO THAT

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ECUADOREAN ASSISTANCE BE OBTAINED TO TAKE CARE OF

TRANSPORTATION, IF AN AMERICAN SPONSOR COULD BE FOUND  
WHO WOULD OFFER TO PICK UP THE COST OF MEDICAL TREATMENT  
AND LODGING/OTHER EXPENSES. HOW ABOUT THE RED CROSS?  
MARCH OF DIMES? ANY OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION?  
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